

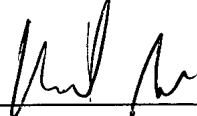
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 5-6, 8-9, 18 and 22-23 have been amended in the following manner:

1 5. (amended) The method of claim[s] 1 [to 4], further comprising establishing
2 said mismatch in dependency of frequency of said acoustical input signal.

1 6. (amended) The method of [one of] claim[s] 1 [to 5], further comprising time-
2 delaying one of said first and of said second signals before performing said co-
3 processing.

1 8. (amended) The method of [one of] claim[s] 1 [to 7] , further comprising
2 performing time-domain to frequency-domain conversion of said first and second
3 electrical signals before performing said co-processing.

1 9. (amended) The method of [one of] claim[s] 1 [to 8], further comprising
2 performing tie-domain to frequency-domain conversion of said first and second electrical
3 signals, generating for subsequent time frames of said converting and for at least a part
4 of the frequencies of said conversion a complex mismatch control signal, thereby
5 adjusting mutual phasing of said first and second signals and performing said mismatch
6 by said complex mismatch control signal.

1 18. (amended) The system of one of claims 14 to [17] 16, further comprising
2 time-domain to frequency-domain conversion units interconnected between said outputs
3 of said at least two converters and said co-processing unit, said mismatch unit being
4 provided between an output of at least one of said time-domain to frequency-domain
5 conversion units and at least one input of said co-processing unit.

1 22. (amended) The method of [one of] claim[s] 1 [to 12], wherein said acoustical
2 to electrical converters are microphones of a hearing aid apparatus.

1 23. (amended) The system of [one of] claim[s] 13 [to 21], wherein said acoustical
2 to electrical converters are integrated in a hearing apparatus.